

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Replace the original Abstract with the following new Abstract:

**ABSTRACT**

An impact device for a rock drill. The rock drill includes a tool and a mechanism for delivering a stress pulse to the tool. That mechanism includes an impact element supported to a frame of the drill, and a mechanism for subjecting the impact element to stress and thereafter releasing the impact element suddenly from the stress, whereupon stored stress energy in the impact element is discharged in the form of a stress pulse directed at the tool.